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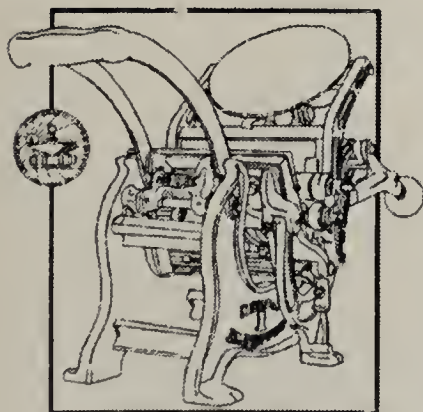
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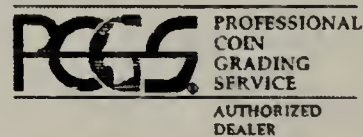
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President's Message

As I write this message, which will be brief, it is a very busy time of year for me. As you know, this time of year is all work for us tax accountants. But, I did take time out to attend the ILNA Spring Show in Watseka on March 2nd. My thanks to the Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club members and President John Tonner for their hospitality and for putting on a fantastic show. By all accounts this show was one of the best in the past few years. I was asked to help with the youth auction. As always, the kids wore out the auctioneer. There were as many as 34 YNs at the auction.

If your club is interested in hosting the 2004 ILNA Spring Show, please contact ILNA board member Steve Butler or myself. Now is the time that the ILNA Board must choose a location for 2004.

Speaking of the ILNA Board, in the next few months all ILNA members will receive a ballot for the year's election of five Board Members. You will also vote on a change in our Constitution. So please review the changes in the ILNA Constitution, and vote yes. The election will be by mail this time. For the first time in many years votes will be done by mail, since the races are contested. Currently we have six people running for five seats on the Board. Deadline for candidates to run is the first of June. Please vote and elect those you wish to run ILNA for the next few years.

The ILNA Fall Show is proceeding well. More details will follow in the next issue.

Also, thanks to some of the members for their responses in the ILNA History gathering process. I will write or call each one of you who contributed the ILNA material you sent.

I would like to congratulate our Editor Mr. Z. on his recent discovery.

Please come to St. Louis for the Central States Numismatic Society Spring Show. This big show is on May 1st to 4th, 2003. It will be held downtown at the Convention Center. This show promises to be the biggest show in St. Louis in years.

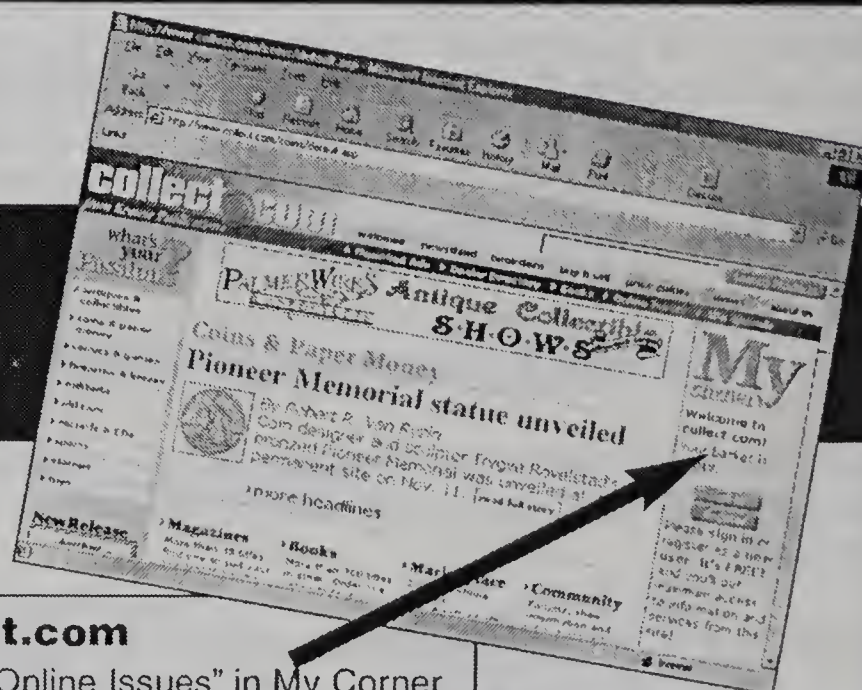
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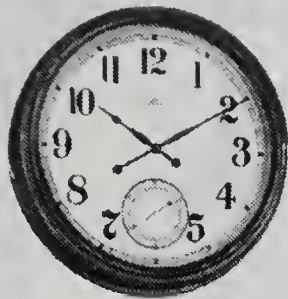
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Minutes

Spring Board Meeting Watseka, IL. Sunday, March 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 2:12PM with following officers: President – Jack Huggins, Jr., Vice President – Don Keopple, Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – Kevin Wasmer, Kermit Wasmer, Board Members - Steve Butler, Clayton Hagemann, Andrew Reiber, and Richard Prouty. Board members Jim Kaczor, David Spring, William Burbridge, Roy Kuester, and Frank Zapushek each have an excused absence.

Secretary Doran read the minutes of the last meeting in Urbana, and also reported that ILNA membership is currently at 342 members, with 314 individual members and 28 club members. Also, the board voted to set up an allowance in the sum of \$50 for the Secretary for office-related expenses – motion was made – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Kermit Wasmer, passed. It was noted from Kermit Wasmer that all dues notices were mailed out January 1st. Second notices were mailed out with a \$2 surcharge.

Treasurer Kevin Wasmer reported that with the check book balance and the certificates of deposits the club is in good financial stating. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made – 1st by Keopple, 2nd by Hagemann, passed.

Vice President Keopple, speaking for the Digest editor, stated that there is \$2,026.25 from billed advertisements (webpage, board member ads, and Digest), with \$1,506.25 collected at this time. A motion to accept the Editor's Report was made – 1st by Butler, 2nd by Prouty, passed.

New Business –

It was discussed that the Summer ILNA Board Meeting will be at the Heritage House Restaurant in Springfield, IL on Sunday, June 22, 2003. All board members and officers present agreed to the date.

The 2003 Fall Show was discussed. Kermit Wasmer noted that the facility where the show will be held is getting rewired, and is expected to be done before the show. Huggins noted that Kuester will be in charge of exhibits, and that the show should sell out at the upcoming Central States Numismatic Society Convention in St. Louis in May. Kermit Wasmer noted that bourse applications have been sent, with some returned to him.

The ILNA History Project was discussed. Keopple donated some old ILNA Digests, and Doran noted some ILNA items given to him by a former board member. Huggins has recorded these respective items.

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MAKING SENSE

John D Wright, NLG

This is another interesting year for world and US events, and for US coinage. Let's see how soon you can guess the year.

On the death of his father, Brazil's Pedro IV waives his right to become King of Portugal. He draws up a charter giving Portugal a moderate parliamentary-style government and sets his seven-year-old daughter Maria on the throne with his twenty-four-year-old brother Dom Miguel as regent. In two years Dom Miguel will declare himself King of Portugal, triggering six years of civil war until he is defeated and banished.

The SS Curacao pioneers steam travel across the Atlantic Ocean. Her coal-fed steam-driven paddle wheels supplement her sails during low-wind conditions.

The USS Dolphin becomes the first US warship to visit Honolulu. The Governor bans native women from boarding the ship, so the crew of US sailors storms the Governor's house. Though it is a poor scene for international relations, nobody is killed.

A 'Pan American Conference' is called by Simon Bolivar to be held in Panama to discuss problems and situations common to countries in the Americas. The President of the US has recommended two delegates to represent the US, and Congress has debated the subject for several months. They finally approve and dispatch the two delegates. One dies enroute and the other arrives after the Conference has ended -- another example of our Government at work.

The first overland journey to southern California is made this year. Jedediah Smith leads a sixteen-man expedition from Salt Lake, to and down the Colorado River, across the Mojave Desert and the Sierra Nevada mountains to San Diego.

US physicist Joseph Henry builds an electromagnet that will lift 14 pounds of iron. With additional wrappings he produces for Yale University an electromagnet that will lift 2880 pounds.

If these events have not yet identified the year for you, the following business 'firsts' for this year, though truly fascinating, likely won't tell you the year either.

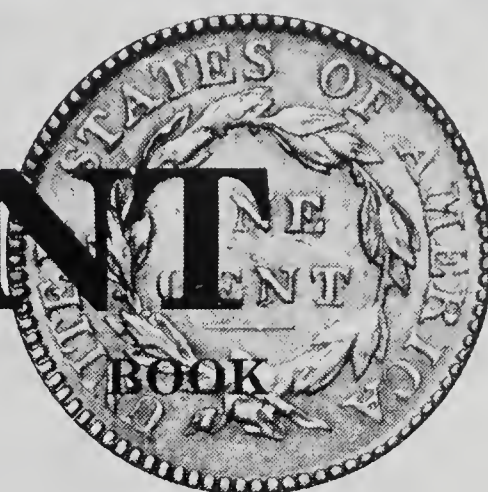
Scottish weavers James and Peter Coats form a company to make sewing threads. Today J&P Coats threads are sold worldwide.

Hartford storekeepers Samuel and David Collins begin manufacturing axes.

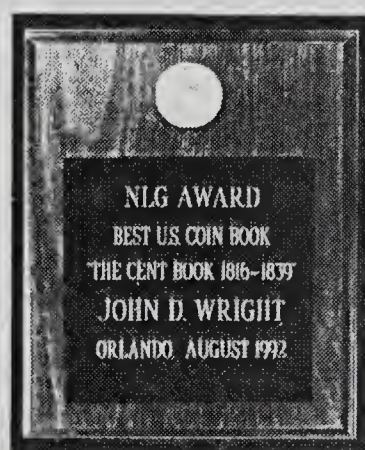
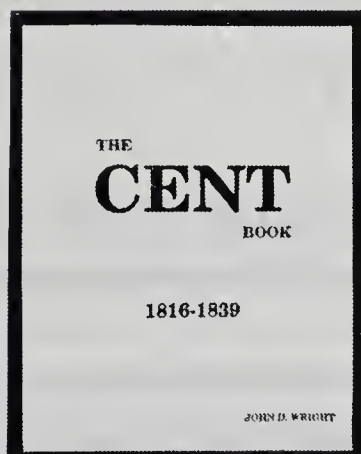
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1878 Proof Liberty Seated Half Dollar

by Frank M. Zapushek

There is nothing new to be discovered. Everything that was minted has been examined many times. After years of examining coins for varieties, there are no new discoveries to be found. Variety Collecting is a waste of time and energy.

These are statements that I have heard from dealers and collectors over the years. But there is one other statement that these people need to remember: "If you believe that man can not fly, he can't."

Nothing has ever been done by those who believe it can not be done. Only the dreamers and those that believe it can be done have found a way to make their dream a reality.

For those none believers, I have just one thing to say. Maybe you should start believing in Santa Claus again. Life was much more carefree and you made new discoveries every day when you believed in Santa Claus. You found new experiences everyday in school and when playing with others your age.

I am a believer (dreamer) and will always be a believer. Maybe that is why I was so lucky on January 21, 2003.

Three days after purchasing a proof 1878 Liberty Seated half dollar, and hours of examining the coin, my heart stopped. This coin had the wrong reverse. Could it be, is it possible? Is it a new discovery, a rare find, or just something that is so common that no one talks about it? A Type 1 reverse on a proof 1878 half dollar. I was on cloud 9.

First I checked all the reference books and found nothing but a mention of a possible 1878 Proof with a Type 1 reverse.

Next I took both macro and micro photographs of the coin. After the film was developed, I sent about 13 different photographs to Mr. Randy Wiley. Mr. Wiley is coauthor of "The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars".

About a week later, Mr. Wiley called to inform me that I had made a major new discovery. The coin was the first known specimen with a Type 1 reverse.

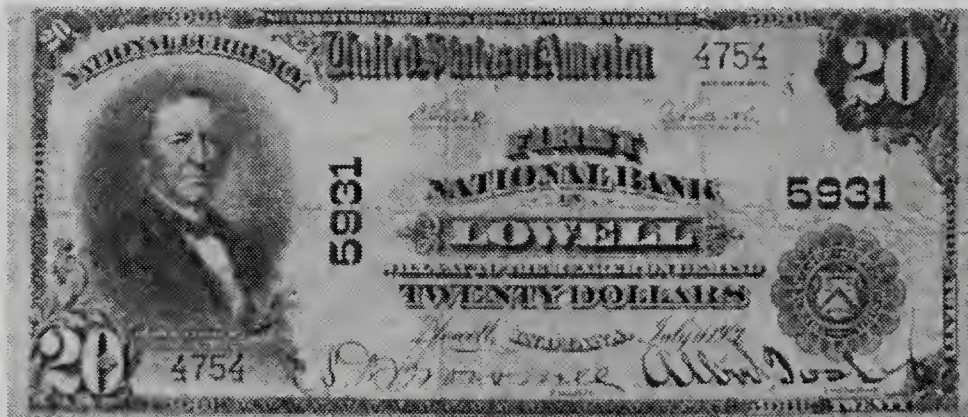
Talk about a natural adrenaline flow. I was on cloud 9 again, walking so high that the air was thin and made me dizzy. Or should I say dizzier than normal. After all, I do look for things that will never be found.

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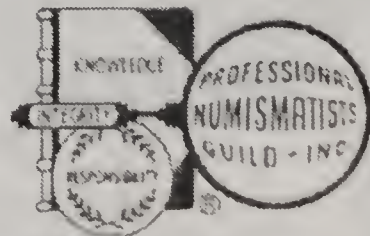
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United States Mint Refines Design Evaluation Process

United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore today announced much-anticipated revisions to the 50 State Quarters® Program design evaluation process. The revisions will enhance the Program's educational value and promote the historical accuracy and artistic beauty of the designs. The recommended changes were approved by U.S. Treasury Secretary Snow on March 8, 2003, and will be implemented in the 2005 quarter design evaluation process.

"The responses to our recent outreach effort confirmed that the 50 State Quarters Program is strong, educational, and effective, selection" said Director Fore. "The responses also suggest that modest changes to this process can help strengthen the program by improving communications between the United States Mint and the states, as well as between the states and their citizens. In addition, we will add a new component, an Artistic Infusion Program."

In late 2002, the United States Mint contacted the numismatic and artistic communities, state officials, historians, educators and the general public to solicit feedback on the current design process. This outreach effort sought to ensure that the design evaluation process remains true to the intent of the legislation, ensuring fairness, clarity, and wide acceptance.

Under the new process, the design evaluation period for the state quarters would begin 24 months before the year of issue, instead of the 18-month schedule currently used. The revised process also requires states to submit three to five design concepts in a narrative format, instead of illustrations or formal artistic renderings. This revision marks a return to the program's original design evaluation process. Asking states to submit written concepts promotes the United States Mint's artists' and the artists' comprehensive understanding of the emblematic significance and historical details of the states' chosen concepts.

"In the near future, we will invite artists from across the nation to participate in a new Artistic Infusion Program, which will be a critical component of the 50 State Quarters Program design process," said Director Fore. "We believe this effort will help further a renaissance in coin design by tapping in to the talent and creative energy of artists across the nation infusing new energy in to this historic program."

Under the Artistic Infusion Program, artists from around the country will be invited to apply to participate under contract with the United States Mint to render the narrative descriptions provided by the states into coinable, appropriate, educational, historically accurate and aesthetically-pleasing quarter designs. The United States Mint will announce additional information about the Artistic Infusion Program later this spring.

Design Evaluation Process *(Cont.)*

A stage was added to the design evaluation process to improve communications with each governor's office from the earliest stages of the design evaluation process. before designs are made public through the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the Citizen's Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee. The United States Mint will use the Artistic Infusion Program to develop artwork, and the governors will have the opportunity to see the candidate designs under consideration. This process also allows each state to appoint an historian or other appropriate representatives to ensure that the designs appropriately reflect the heritage of the states and are suitable to the educational mandate of the authorizing legislation.

Launched in 1999, the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters Program is a 10-year initiative that honors each of the states in the order that they were admitted into the Union. Each quarter is produced for about 10 weeks and will never be produced again. Surveys show that more than 130 million adults are collecting the quarters, of which five are released in any given year.

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Minutes (Cont.)

It was noted by Jack Huggins that the following board members are up for re-election: Butler, Kuester, Hagemann, and Burbridge. All board members but Burbridge have informed Huggins that they wish to seek re-election. Also, it was noted that 3 candidates have stepped forward for the election: Donna Wasmer of Watseka, Gary Garrison of Bloomington and Donna Kay Doran or Bradley.

Kermit Wasmer passed out to all board members present a proposal to make some revisions and changes to the ILNA Constitution and By-Laws. The most notable proposed changes are the size of the ILNA Board Of Governors, which currently is at 10 members – the proposed change would downsize the board to 9 seats, change the number of ILNA meetings from 4 to 3, and members who wish to convert to a life membership, under the proposed changes, would have to be voted upon by the board. As per by-laws, any changes to the constitution must be approved by the membership. A motion was made to accept the revisions and changes – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Keopple, passed. The revised constitution will be sent to the membership, along with the board election ballot, later this summer.

Discussed by Huggins were ways to increase membership. Some suggestions include bringing back the ILNA table at various shows in the state.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Kevin Wasmer, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

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Making Sense *(Cont.)*

Over the next 150 years Collins axes and machetes will clear the American wilderness and tropical jungles worldwide.

Samuel Lord, 23, borrows \$1,000 from his wife's uncle John Taylor to open a shop in New York City. This shop will expand within the year to an adjacent building, and will continue to grow to the Lord&Taylor department store chain of today.

Quincy Market is opened in Boston, across the cobblestones from Faneuil Hall.

If you're still guessing at the year, the following events of this year are things you might remember from your history classes.

Davy Crockett is elected federal senator from Tennessee. John Russworm becomes the first Negro to graduate from an American college. William Bryant becomes Editor of the New York Evening Post, a position he will hold for fifty years.

The Fugitive Slave Act of 1793 is effectively nullified by a Pennsylvania law that makes kidnapping a felony. This law will stand until it is overturned by the Supreme Court of the US sixteen years later, re-establishing a slaveowner's right to pursue an escaped slave and retrieve him/her from a non-slavery state.

James Kent publishes his first volume of his "Commentaries on American Law". Kent is a leading New York jurist whose influence on the US legal system is second only to that of John Marshall. Kent's five-volume opus is a classic, comparing well with Blackstone's four-volume work on English law.

"The Last of the Mohicans" is first published this year. It is the second of James Fenimore Cooper's five 'Leatherstocking Tales', which are fictional stories from America's recent past. These are still popular in the US and Europe, especially so in France.

Two former US Presidents die on July 4th. The former arch enemies have grown close as pen pals over the last fourteen years. Thomas Jefferson's last words after midnight are "Is it yet the fourth?". Not realizing that Jefferson had died four hours earlier, John Adams' last words are "And Jefferson still survives". It is the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1826. America has lost her second and third Presidents and her last link to those revolutionary days.

The Philadelphia mint in 1826 strikes fewer than six million coins total. These include 18,000 half eagles, and a mere 760 quarter eagles -- all of the latter being overdated 1826 over 1825. Four million half dollars comprise the only silver coins

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Making Sense *(Cont.)*

struck in 1826. This year is the only gap in dime coinage since 1819. A quarter-million half cents and 1.5 million large cents complete the US coinage of 1826.

The eight die-varieties of 1826 cents range from common to slightly scarce only. Six varieties of 1826 cents have rather close dates. One has the date widely spaced -- 1 8 2 6 . The often-overlooked 1826 over 1825 has its date spaced 1 8 2 6 . Traces of the undercut 5 can be seen with difficulty inside the top of the 6. Really nice examples will show other traces at top right and lower left of the 6.

One fascinating thing about 1826 cents is the preponderance of mis-struck examples. Off-centers and multi-struck cents of 1826 come up much more often than any other year after 1817. Evidently quality control slipped significantly that single year. For the collectors of early Americana, that adds another layer of charm to the cents of 1826.

**John D. Wright is the author of "The CENT Book",
which covers U.S. cents of 1816-1839. He has
collected U.S. large cents for almost fifty years.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The first thing I want to say is that I would like to congratulate Frank Zapushek, our Digest editor, on a recent numismatic find that made national news. Frank found an unknown variety of an 1878 Proof Seated Half Dollar with a reverse from an earlier coin of the same type. And speaking of coins, the new Illinois State Quarter should be in your pocket right now. This quarter not only a great way to promoting our state to millions of people, but also the numismatic hobby everywhere, especially here in Illinois. Pictures of the ceremony were in the Winter ILNA Digest, and also on the ILNA website at www.ilnaclub.org. As of this writing, I have been at the ILNA Spring Show hosted by the Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club of Watseka, Illinois, and the Will County Coin Club Annual Show in Joliet, Illinois. Both shows had lots of dealers present, as well as collectors, with lots of activity going on. Recently, ILNA has announced its Scholarship Program, which an ILNA member, adult or junior, has a chance to go to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. ANA classes offer a unique opportunity to learn about different facets of numismatics from some of the well-known names in the hobby. If you are interested or have questions, contact Kermit Wasmer at (815) 432-4636. Right now, ILNA is gathering its past, and is looking for anyone who has ILNA items from past shows, conventions, publications, and the like. If you have something that would be of interest to ILNA, please contact Jack Huggins, Jr. at HUG511@aol.com or call (618) 397-4839. On a final note, if you or your club has any questions about your membership or other membership-related matters, or about ILNA in general, please feel free to e-mail me at secretary@ilnaclub.org or call (815) 802-0544.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Doran



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1878 Proof *(Cont.)*

Over the next few weeks, my wife and I were doing TV, radio and newspaper interviews with reporters from around the world. Including Fox News Network, CNN, Good Morning America all major TV networks.

It was amazing to my wife and I that there was such an interest in our new discovery. Little did we know that our discovery would be a shot in the arm for the hobby. Many dealers have told me that the traffic in their shops have increased since our news hit the airways. People are going to coin shows that have never collected coins in their life.

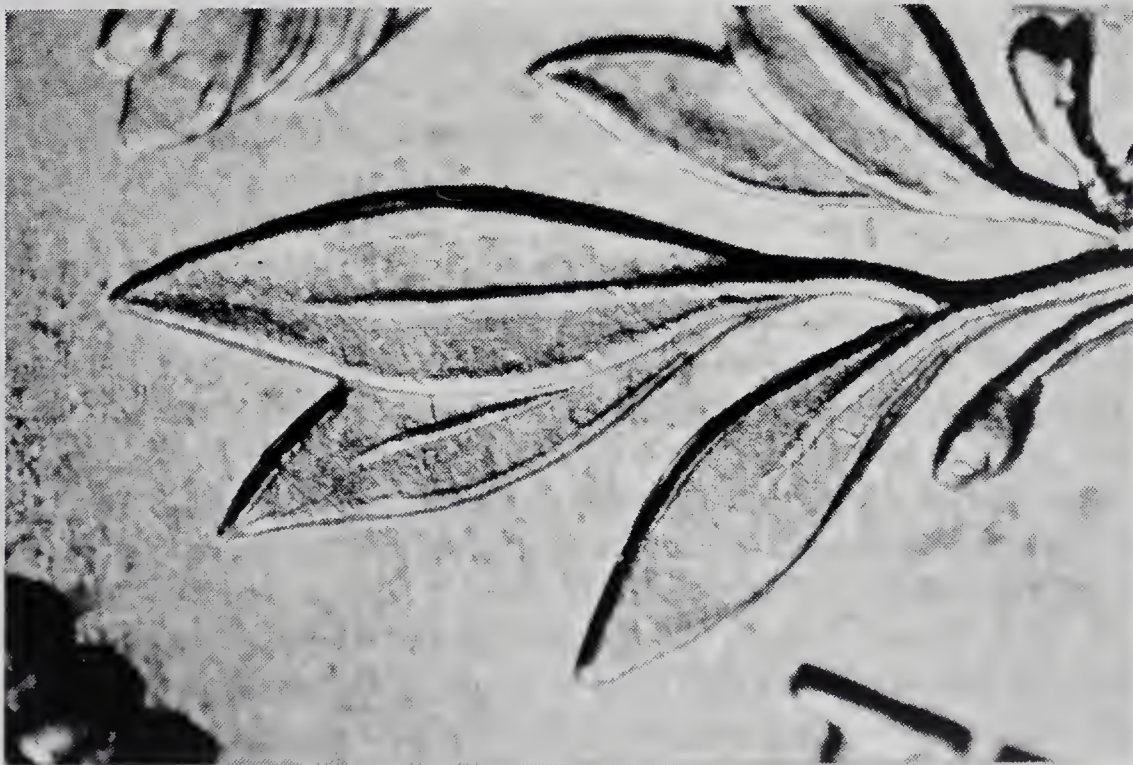
All over a coin that had been minted 125 years before the discovery. How many none believers have owned or sold this coin in the last 125 years.

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Clause. If no place else put in the hearts and minds of believers. Believers can be 3 years old or 100 years old. The only requirement necessary is that they believe it is possible.

Now to some facts about the "Discovery Coin".

In 1876, the Mint wanted to strengthen some of the weak points of the half dollar. It is believed that Charles Barber strengthened the leaves and closed the bud to sign his work. The new master hub was used starting in 1876.

Starting in 1876, the Mint used the Type 2 reverse with the well defined leaves and the closed bud shown below.



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1878 Proof (Cont.)

The reverse of our coin has the Type 1 reverse with the weak leaves and open bud. So we have named the variety after my wife, the "*Bonnie-Bud*".



Such a small difference, such a major discovery.

Only 820 Proofs were struck in 1878, 800 were sold and twenty placed into circulation. Only one obverse and reverse die is recorded for 1878 proof production.


With such a low production, the use of more than one die pair would not have been necessary. Unless the reverse die was damaged or broke.

A die can have a weak spot in the metal and break on the first strike or it can run the full production. The reason this coin has the Type 1 reverse may never be known, but it does.

Two books I recommend for the collectors of Liberty Seated half dollars are: "The Complete Guide To Liberty Seated Half Dollars" by Randy Wiley & Bill Bugert and "Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of United States and Colonial Proof Coins".

Need to sharpen your skills or just enjoy reading good coin related material, visit our web page at <http://www.bakercoins.net>. Information for the beginner or the experienced collector.

Have a coin question? Let us know at a coin show or contact us. Frank M. Zapushek, PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702-1993 email: mrz@bakercoins.net



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MAY 11, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, *Tables:* 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

MAY 24, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 43rd Anniversary Show Pekin, IL. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

June 8, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, *Tables:* 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

JULY 13, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, *Tables:* 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

JULY 26, (Sat.) Tazewell Numismatic Society 9th Summer Show Pekin, IL. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

JULY 27, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park Ave., Springfield, IL. 62702. Phone: 217 793-0919

AUGUST 10, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, *Tables:* 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

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SEPTEMBER 14, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL **Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall**, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

SEPTEMBER 21, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 92nd Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location:* Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$35 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone: 815 547-6382

SEPTEMBER 27, (Sat) Tazewell Numismatic Society 43rd Annual Show Pekin, IL. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* \$30, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

SEPTEMBER 28, (Sun) Lexington Coin & Card Show, 10 AM to 4 PM, Lexington Community Center, 207 W. Main St. Lexington, IL (Downtown Lexington), *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* D & G Coins - Sports Cards 309 E. Beaufort, Normal, IL. Phone 309 451-4272

OCTOBER 12, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL **Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall**, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@attbi.com

NOVEMBER 9, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 45 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Patrick Devine, Show Chairman 217 787-3241

Make sure you notify us as soon as possible of show dates. We will post the dates on our web site and in the next "Digest". Mail all club information to Frank M. Zapushek PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702-1993

Local Clubs Meeting Information

Central Illinois Numismatic Association. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Y.W.C.A., 5th & Jackson Street (Northeast of the Governor's Mansion), Springfield, IL. *Information:* Jay Peniwell, 4 Oak Ridge Dr. Decatur, IL. 62521. Phone 217 428-9853

Champaign-Urbana Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Urbana Civic Cent. *Information:* L. J. Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr. Champaign, IL. 61821, or call 217 356-9500

Chicago Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the BankOne building, Dearborn St. entrance between Madison & Monroe, Chicago, IL. Sign in at Security Desk and take elevator to 18th floor conference room. *Information:* Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773 878-8979. *email Your intent to attend a meeting to Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com so your name can be added to the security desk register

Club of Illinois Numismatists (C.O.I.N.S. Club). *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. *Information:* (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 2334, Homewood, IL 60429

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Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Hgts. IL. 62208. Phone Harry Niccum at 618 632-3331.

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Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837. Phone: 618 842-2035

Fox Valley Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville National Bank, Rte 47 & Van Emmon, Yorkville, IL. *Information:* Fox Valley Coin Club, P.O. Box 141, Plano, IL. 60545, Phone: 630 552-3491

Gibson City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Country Kettle, 810 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL. *Information:* Leslie Harrison, RR 1 Box 24, Saybrook, IL. 61770

Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club. *Meetings:* Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (except July) at the Chalacomb House (Civic Center), School St., Hillsboro, IL. *Information:* Hiltop Coin Club, P.O. Box 23, Benld, IL 62009 email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com

Hoopeston Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Hoopeston,. *Information:* Joe Wagoner, 322 W. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL. 60942. Phone 217 283-6733.

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Indian Hill Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. *Information:* Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL. 60099.

Lake County Coin Club. *Meeting:* First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. *Information:* Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL. 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. , Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, *Information:* P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL. 61938.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. *Information:* OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information:* John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL. 61266

Railsplitter Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Manor/Odd Fellows Highrise (across from Lincoln High School), Lincoln, IL. *Information:* Bob Olson, 217 793-5134 or Dean Baker, 217 732-7069 or write Railsplitters Coin Club, P.O. Box 1034 Springfield, IL. 62705-1034

Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL., *Information:* RCC, 203 E. Campbell St. Rantoul, IL. 61866

Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p. m. (June, July, August at 6:00 PM) at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). *Information:* Larry A. Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr., Belvidere, IL. 61008, Phone: 815 547-6382

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St. Clair Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information:* St Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main. Belleville, IL. 62220. Phone 618 277-4493.

Local Clubs Meeting Information (Cont.)

Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information:* D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309 353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (No meeting June, July, August) at First Christian Church, 546 N. 6th St., Watseka, IL. *Information:* Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815 432-4636.

Will County Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Limited, 1520 Commerce Lane, Joliet, IL. *Information:* Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL. 60451 or phone 815 485-4137.

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